

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	:	10/696,208	Art Unit	2617
Applicant	:	Walton et al.	Confirmation No.	7298
Filed	:	October 29, 2003	Examiner	William D. Cumming
Docket No.	:	010454D1	Customer No.	23696

Mail Stop: **AMENDMENT**
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month and set to expire on April 12, 2010, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper and include a new sheet of drawings. **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicants hereby petition for a 1-month extension of time to extend the three-month shortened statutory period for reply as set by the Examiner to cover the date this Response is filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 17-0026 for the requisite 1-month extension fee of \$130.00.